

ASK SCHOOL CHILDREN TO HELP SHIELD BIRDS

Audubon Societies Carry On
Vigorous Countrywide
Campaign.

TEACHERS GIVE THEIR AID
Illustrated Lectures and Con-
stant Circulation of Litera-
ture Maintained.

The protection of the bird life of this country has for years engaged the interest of societies and individuals throughout the land. The interest, at first confined to the members of a few protective societies, has gradually spread until at present a regularly organized campaign is being waged throughout the country to enlist the aid of school children in the work. This is done by means of literature on the subject mailed regularly to the teachers of all schools in every State of the Union and illustrated lectures given at stated intervals. This work is carried on to a greater extent in this country than in any other.

Chief among the organizations for the protection of birds are the Audubon societies, chartered in every State of the Union. These societies carry on their work along three lines, legislative, directly protective and educational. The organizations of the various States are represented in the National Association of Audubon Societies in this city.

The recent passing of Mrs. Russell Sage as a refuge for birds and her donation of \$5,000 yearly, together with several other large donations made recently, have aroused the interest of the country to a great extent and have given a great impetus to the work.

The reasons for the further establishment and maintenance of tracts of land as refuges for birds are varied and numerous. Thousands of birds are annually killed because of their reputed depredations to the crops when as a matter of fact it has been found by students that these birds are saviors of the crops, destroying insects and larvae that damage fruit and grain.

Discussing the reasons for the establishment of bird refuges, B. S. Bowditch, chief clerk of the National Association of Audubon Societies and a special inspector of wild birds and animals in the United States Department of Agriculture, today said: "Game commissioners as a general rule are not sufficiently well posted on the lives and habits of the birds in the territory they supervise so that they are amenable to the influence of sportsmen. Many of them advocate the killing of hawks, owls and other so-called predatory birds. While it is an undisputed fact that certain species of hawks are marauders it is nevertheless also true that others are of equally undispensed value to the farmer. One of the most important studies of bird life, and of which even the majority of persons interested in the cause are ignorant, is the question of food. If a bird's habits in this connection are known its value to humanity can at once be determined.

"The average man sees a bird picking at the blossoms, say of a fruit tree, and immediately decides that the bird is killing the young fruit. As a matter of fact in the majority of cases the bird is picking out the insects, thus preserving the fruit. Take the rose breasted grosbeak, for instance. This species has been accused of devastating vegetable gardens of sweet peas. One of the birds was shot recently and an examination made of its stomach. It was shown that it had eaten a few peas in the stomach that organ was fairly crammed with larvae of the potato beetle. One single pair of grosbeaks have been known to keep a vegetable garden clear of potato beetles for an entire season. The common meadow lark has been known to consume thirty-five grasshoppers at a single meal. A grasshopper eats several times its own weight in hay or corn per day.

"Of the 400 species of birds recorded in this State authorities agree that only about a dozen are more harmful than beneficial.

"The reasons for bird protection are first that they are nature's most effective protection against the locusts and insects, and second that the aesthetic pleasure that they give is actually an important factor in our lives.

"As a means of bird protection the State Audubon societies work along several lines. These are: Legislative, securing laws for the protection of game and non-game birds; directly protective, locating breeding colonies of birds and having such areas set aside by the Government as reservations or secured through purchase and guarded by wardens employed for that purpose, and lastly through educational methods, that is educating the people to the realization of the true relations between birds and man through schools, through the press, by public lectures and by other media.

The work in the schools has become one of the most important factors. By means of the generosity of Mrs. Russell Sage the work has been enabled to introduce this work in schools throughout the South in a systematic and comprehensive manner and through the gift of an anonymous contributor the work has been duplicated in other States. A number of private individuals, notably the owners of the Ford farm in Ohio, are working hand in hand with the Audubon societies for the preservation of our bird life.

The methods pursued by the school teachers in New Jersey is revealed in a report that has just reached the national association. The plan is for every teacher to form a junior Audubon class, usually numbering ten or more pupils, who subscribe for leaflets on bird study and bird protection. Each child receives an Audubon button and becomes a junior of the society. By this means there have been formed in the State of New Jersey 411 junior Audubon classes, with a total membership of 8,910. A similar interest has been evinced in many of the other States of the Union.

Another feature of interest in this connection is the exhibiting of mounted groups of birds showing the economic value of food habits at a number of State fairs. By this method it is hoped by the promoters of the movement that the value of the preservation of birds throughout the country will reach even those with whom the various Audubon societies are unable to begin direct communication.

SUICIDE ON COUNTRY ROAD.

Adirondack Guide Kills Himself in
Long Island Scrub Oaks.

PATCHOGUE, L. I., Nov. 7.—Arthur McFall, 38 years old, a hunter and Adirondack guide, was found dead yesterday on the road near Brookhaven, six miles east of this place. His head had been blown to pieces by a shotgun which lay at his side and a forked stick which he grasped in his hand had evidently been used to discharge the gun.

Lorenzo Jones, a negro of Brookhaven, found the body on the Yaphank road. A satchel beside him contained several letters disclosing the dead man's identity. It also had in it a comb and brush and a hunter's license for 1912 issued at Rondout, N. Y., where he is said to have lived.

His parents have been notified. McFall had been paying a visit to his half-brother, Charles Maitman, who lives in Yaphank. He left his brother's home at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, saying he was going to Brookhaven to take a train for his home. That was the last seen of him until he was found dead.

That he had planned suicide is plain from a letter written and left in the satchel addressed to his sister, Mrs. William Hart of Tarrytown, N. Y. In his letter he begged that property which he owned in Rondout to his sister and said:

"I am going back to the woods with a light heart."

Another sister, Mrs. W. D. Davis, lives at 305 West Forty-fifth street, Manhattan.

Justice Blanchard Comments on

One Who Leaves Husband

and Returns.

"Yes, these wives are strange creatures," said Supreme Court Justice Blanchard yesterday in the course of a trial of a suit by a husband against his wife's uncle for alienating her affections. "They are queer beings; they get the idea that their husbands have reformed and they go back, find that there is no reform and then fly away again."

Justice Blanchard and a jury are hearing a suit from William Isaacs, a wealthy importer of 180 West 117th street, because his wife, Mrs. Jessie Bodenstein, who eloped with him when she was 16 years old, left him and went to the house of her uncle, Bodenstein's lawyer objected to the testimony that Mrs. Bodenstein had left her husband once before and then returned to him. In this connection the court said to the jury:

"A wife who leaves her husband and then returns to him gets the habit, and is not of as great value as a wife who leaves her husband and does not return. I don't want you gentlemen to lose sight of this fact when you are estimating the value of a wife."

Bodenstein's lawyer also objected to the testimony showing that the plaintiff was dishonest, and in silencing the attorney because of his persistent objections the court said to the jury:

"If she proves her husband was a thief it certainly bears on the question of whether she was living with a thief or not, and which even the majority of persons interested in the cause are ignorant, is the question of food. If a bird's habits in this connection are known its value to humanity can at once be determined.

"Even granting he was a thief, she returned to him as his wife," continued the lawyer.

"There may be a statute of limitations on the cruelty of a man to his wife, but I shall let this evidence in to show what kind of a settling this case has," said the court.

Mrs. Bodenstein testified that her uncle supported both her and her husband when the latter was out of employment, and that he bought clothes for herself and her husband, and that she had pawned or sold her fur coat, bracelet and wedding ring. The case was not finished.

WINSLOW CHARGES DISMISSED.

Westchester's District Attorney

Cleared by Gov. Dix.

ALBANY, Nov. 7.—The charges recently filed against Francis A. Winslow, District Attorney of Westchester county, were today dismissed by Gov. Dix.

The charges were made by Holmes Jones of Yonkers, who alleged that he and others were falsely indicted and illegal persons were permitted to serve as grand jurors.

CITY JOTTINGS.

An exhibit showing facts regarding insanity, its increase and the possibilities of prevention and cure will be opened to the public at the City of New York this morning. In the evening a meeting will open sessions of the Conference on Mental Hygiene, which will last for eight days.

Capt. George R. Wakefield of the West Seventeenth street police station was badly cut and burned about the arm and hand when a dynamite cap exploded in a dry battery which he was examining yesterday. The battery was found on two burglars caught October 25.

A jury in Brooklyn yesterday awarded to Charles Sommer of 182 Wallabout street a verdict of \$1,500 against Mrs. Bell Crandall of 15 Herkimer street for the death of his twelve-year-old son, Charles, who was killed June 11, 1911, by an automobile.

The young woman arrested in the Waldorf Wednesday night as she came out of a room occupied by A. G. Hall with a satchel containing Mr. Hall's toilet articles was held in \$1,000 bail yesterday. She said she was 19 years old and that her name was Angeline Schuck. She gave her address as 455 West 156th street and said she was employed as a chambermaid.

The annual dinner of the British School and Universities Club will be held at Delmonico's to-morrow. Bishop Frederick Courtenay, D. D., the president of the club, will preside.

David Rachlin, a druggist of 585 Flushing avenue, and his brother, Michael Rachlin, a dentist, of 48 Tompkins avenue, were arraigned yesterday in Brooklyn, charged with the illegal sale of cocaine. They entered a plea of not guilty and were held in \$2,500 and \$2,000 bail.

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RELICS OF DEAD RACE

ON VIEW AT COLUMBIA

University Receives Figures

Made by People Antedat-

in Aztecs.

UNEARTHED IN RIVER BED

Crude Objects With "Millinery"

Found Far Under Mounds of

Younger Nation.

Relics of the oldest civilizations on the

American continent are on exhibition at

Columbia University during this week.

The exhibition consists of broken figures

and fragments of pottery which were

found by the International School of

Archaeology and Ethnology in Mexico

city in the course of research in the Valley

of Mexico. The collection is made up of

almost 1,000 pieces and illustrates the

sequence of cultural types in the Valley

of Mexico as worked out preceding and

during the Aztecs' occupation of the

valley.

Prof. Franz Boas of the department

of anthropology at Columbia believes the

excavations of the school have turned

up specimens used by primitive peoples

and practically all of the pottery is well

advanced. Many of the heads of the

figures are covered with wonderful hats

and headdresses, some of which have

their counterpart in millinery of to-day.

As a rule the figures are very small and

have been buried by the water of a river

long since buried.

The heads found in this river bottom

were made by hand. Eyes and orna-

ments of the body consist of little pellets

of clay added to the figure itself. Clothing

too was stuck on the figure in the same

way and remains only in fragments. Most

of the figures bear evidence of having

been painted.

That considerable time has elapsed

since the depositing of the layers on the

old river bed is made evident by the fact

of the collection of twenty-six feet of

surface soil and conditions are such it is

almost certain the geography and topog-

raphy of the country in and around what

is now Mexico city have changed very

considerably.

This in part is a report which the Ar-

chaeological School has made in reference

to the discoveries.

The bottom of the valley is composed of

a thick layer of decomposed tufa, which is

much used for making firebricks and sun-

dried bricks. Scattered over the surface

are found large and small mounds, all of

which contain archaeological remains. They

are generally erected over a floor of a few

layers of pebbles. All these mounds are

surrounded by a surface soil containing char-

acteristic of the Aztec period. It is evi-

dent, therefore, that these mounds were

erected by the Aztecs and that they lived

in the Valley of Mexico during the period

when the surface layer of the soil was

deposited.

Descending further down the remains

become a little less frequent, but they retain

the same character until a depth of a little

over twenty feet from the surface has been

reached. In the hard decomposed tufa

of this layer human bones are found every

now and then, but no complete skeletons.

In one place a large stone slab was en-

countered which covered the remains of a

dead man. At a depth of twenty-one feet the

character of the soil changes quite suddenly.



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Estimate Board Tells Tomkins to

Complete South Brooklyn Scheme.

The Board of Estimate, on a motion by
John Purroy Mitchell, president of the
Board of Aldermen, instructed Dock Com-
missioner Calvin Tomkins, at its meeting
yesterday, to hurry with his plans for the
improvement of the South Brooklyn

waterfront. Commissioner Tomkins has
submitted a number of plans to the Board
of Estimate, but the city authorities have
sent them back for revision on the ground
that they were incomplete.

Commissioner Tomkins has gone on
record as opposing the plan for the im-
provement of the South Brooklyn water-
front proposed by Irving T. Bush, presi-
dent of the Bush Terminal Company. The
Commissioner wants the city to en-
gage itself to a comprehensive plan for the
whole city, and has subordinated the South
Brooklyn plan to that.

BOYS LOST IN WOODS; ONE DIES.

Three-Year-Old Found Unconscious

and His Brother Drowned.

RUTLAND, Vt., Nov. 7.—Joseph, 5 years
old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Clark
of Salisbury, is dead and their three-
year-old boy, Herbert, is in a serious
condition from shock due to the children
getting lost while going to drive in the
cows last Tuesday in the German Evangeli-
cal Church in Hoboken by the Rev. John
Randolph. She had her marriage cer-
tificate and her request was granted.

WEDDING ENDS COURT CASE.

Young Woman Has Certificate and

Defendant Is Discharged.

A marriage announcement ended a case
in Special Sessions yesterday before Jus-
tices Foker, Fleming and O'Keefe, when
Ethel Fritz asked permission to with-
draw her complaint against Al Palzer,
a pugilist, because she was married to
him last Tuesday in the German Evangeli-
cal Church in Hoboken by the Rev. John
Randolph. She had her marriage cer-
tificate and her request was granted.

EUROPE TO SEE ONTARIO FRUIT.

Expert Preserves It on Branches for

Ghent Exposition.

St. CATHARINES, Ont., Nov. 7.—Fruit
from the famous Ontario orchards will be
shown at the Ghent, Belgium, exposition
opening next spring.

Arthur W. Despard, Provincial Govern-
ment expert, has been preparing the fruit
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